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SUBJECT: SPECIAL AFGHAN ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

REF: A) KABUL 4870; B) KABUL 7526 (DECEMBER 3, 1974)

1. THE RECENT SEIZURES DESCRIBED REFTEL A TOTALLING 1,887 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM ARE TESTAMENTS TO BOTH THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE POTENTIAL OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT (ASU) OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, UNFDAC OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN AND DEA KABUL. SUCH SEIZURES NOT ONLY DISRUPT TRAFFICKING BY ECONOMICALLY PUNISHING LARGE SCALE TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS AND INTRODUCE CONFUSION AND MISTRUST INTO THEIR HERETOFORE UNDISTURBED RANKS, BUT ALSO PLAY VITAL ROLE IN CREATING BACK-PRESSURE ON CULTIVATORS, MAKING THEM MORE AMENABLE TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND CROP SUBSTITUTION SCHEMES THAT MAY BE LONG-TERM SOLUTION HERE.

2. WE BELIEVE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT SUCCESS IN AFGHANISTAN DEPENDS MAINLY ON ASU'S DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGH POTENTIAL INFORMANTS WHO CAN PROVIDE ACTIONABLE INFORMATION. CREDIBLE AND WELL ADMINISTERED INFORMANT AND REWARD SYSTEM (SUCH AS WE HAVE INITIATED) IS SINE QUA NON
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TO ACHIEVEMENT OF NARCOTIC CONTROL AIMS IN AFGHANISTAN.

UNFDAC IS PROHIBITED FROM MAKING THIS CONTRIBUTION AND GOA'S PRIORITIES AND LIMITED RESOURCES PRECLUDE SELF-FUNDING. OUR SUPPORT THUS FAR HAS TRIGGERED A VERY COST EFFECTIVE WAVE OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES THROUGH ATTRACTION BY REWARDS OF HIGH POTENTIAL INFORMANTS. SUCH SUPPORT SHOULD CONTINUE AND BE EXPANDED SO AS NOT TO LOSE PRESENT ENFORCEMENT MOMENTUM NOR DESTROY CREDIBILITY AND COOPERATION PAINSTAKINGLY ESTABLISHED OVER LAST TWO YEARS BY SAIC WITH UN AND AFGHAN COUNTERPARTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT S/NM AND APPROPRIATE DEA OFFICIALS APPROVE NEW AND EXPANDED FUNDING OF SPECIAL AFGHAN ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM. UNFDAC AND GOA AGREED IN GENEVA IN MAY TO EXPAND ASU BY THREE BRANCH OFFICES IN KEY PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING AREAS. THIS EXPANSION AND PRESENT LEVEL OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES REINFORCE OUR BELIEF THAT \$100,000 FUNDING LEVEL ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY MISSION (REFTEL B) COULD EFFECTIVELY BE UTILIZED IN COMING YEAR TO HELP REALIZE OUR NARCOTICS CONTROL AIMS IN AFGHANISTAN.
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